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Ms. Emma Best
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Reference: F-2018-00933

Dear Ms. Best:

This acknowledge the receipt of your 29 July 2019 letter, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 6 August 2019, pertaining to your 15 February 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **a copy of Clandestine Services Historical Series 336/CSHP 336 Development of Paramilitary Contingency Cadres, 1948-1971.**

You stated that "[You] are appealing the refusal to acknowledge the existence of the records, as their existence has already been acknowledged. Thus, its existence is not categorically exempt from disclosure. Further, it is not an operational file but a historical one, by its very nature. Indeed, it is part of a larger document that the Agency has already and repeatedly affirmed the potential reliability of (after review and redaction)."

As we informed you in our 20 June 2019 letter, with regard to your request, responsive records, should they exist, would be contained in operational files. The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. **For your information, this determination is not subject to an administrative appeal pursuant to Agency regulations in subparts 1900.42(a) of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations. We regret that we are unable to assist you further.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator